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## Code Blue

I'm running,  
 running the way we all run  
 toward death,  
 sprinting through swarms  
 of *Pseudomonas* and *Serratia*,  
 the din of the soaps,  
 a demented man's scream.

And I run the code  
 serene as a monarch,  
 issue edicts and commands,  
 infusions, boluses, electric thumps  
 until I drop the paddles,  
 bent, breathless.

When I raise my eyes,  
 the body on the bed,  
 dusky blue, spreads  
 limp as twilight  
 on the wintry hills outside,  
 commuter traffic on the street  
 choked motionless,  
 the silent signal light beating  
 orange, red, green.

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